

United States District Court  
Southern District of Texas  
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David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MCALLEN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

SYLVIA GARCES VALDEZ

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CRIMINAL NO.

**M-19-1502**

SEALED INDICTMENT

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:**

From at least June 4, 2018 and continuing through at least November 2018, in the Southern District of Texas, the defendant,

**SYLVIA GARCES VALDEZ**

did corruptly give, offer, or agree to give a thing of value to any person intending to influence and reward an agent of the City of La Joya, a local government that received benefits in excess of \$10,000 pursuant to a Federal program involving a grant, contract, subsidy, loan guarantee, and other forms of Federal assistance in 2018, in connection with any business, transaction, or series of transactions of such State government and agency involving something of value of \$5,000 or more: namely, Defendant gave, offered, and agreed to give cash to Person A intending to influence and reward Person B, an elected official for the City of La Joya, for their influence in granting a public relations contract to the Defendant.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 666(a)(2) and 2.

**NOTICE OF CRIMINAL FORFEITURE**  
**18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)**

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), the United States gives notice to the defendants,

**SYLVIA GARCES VALDEZ**

that upon conviction for the offense in this Indictment, all property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to such offense, is subject to forfeiture.

**Property Subject to Forfeiture**

The property subject to forfeiture is approximately \$10,000.00. In the event that a condition listed in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853 exists, the United States will seek to forfeit any other property of the defendant in substitution up to the total value of the property subject to forfeiture. The United States may seek the imposition of a money judgment.

A TRUE BILL

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FOREPERSON

RYAN K. PATRICK  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY